## **RESOLUTION NO. 2010-03**

## INTENT TO CHANGE THE GALLATIN LOCAL WATER QUALITY DISTRICT BOUNDARY—SOUTHERN EXPANSION

This Resolution was introduced by Board Chair Sherwin Leep, moved by Board member Steve White, seconded by Board member Kathy Gallagher, and approved by vote, six (6) in favor, none (0) opposed, three (3) absent/vacant, on January 14, 2010.

**History:** The Gallatin Local Water Quality District (GLWQD) was created by the Gallatin County Commission with passage of County Resolution 1995-55, under the authority of Montana Code Annotated (MCA) 7-13-Part 45. The GLWQD program was approved by the Montana Board of Environmental Review on June 20, 1197, as required by MCA 75-5-202. The GLWQD is funded by a \$6.00/year fee assessed on improved properties within the District.

Mission Statement: The Mission of the GLWQD is to protect, preserve, and improve the quality of surface waters and ground waters within the District. The GLWQD provides education and assistance to District residents, including information on water quality and quantity, proper care of ground water wells and septic systems, water quality testing, and safe handling and disposal of hazardous chemicals. The GLWQD also maintains a network of ground-water monitoring wells, routinely works with other agencies and organizations to monitor ground water and surface water quality, and periodically conducts special investigations to evaluate water quality issues.

Whereas: Pollution and degradation of ground water and surface water pose both immediate and long-term threats to the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Gallatin County; and

Whereas: The costs to clean up contaminated ground water and surface water far exceed the costs to prevent contamination in the first place; and

Whereas: The expansion of the District boundary to the south of the current boundary would allow the GLWQD to expend funds and dedicate staff time to monitoring water quality, assisting residents in the area, and assessing water quality issues.

Whereas: It is the desire of the GLWQD Board to extend efforts to protect and preserve water quality to the south of the current District boundary by expanding to include lands legally described in Exhibit A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the GLWQD Board intends to change the District boundary to include the land area to the south of the current boundary, and described in Exhibit A, pursuant to the authority and procedures set forth in Title 7, Chapter 13, Part 45, Montana Code Annotated.

Dated this 14th day of January, 2010

Attest:

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Gallatin Local Water
Quality District Board

Charlotte Mills, Clerk and Recorder

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## EXHIBIT A-RESOLUTION 2010-03 LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF BOUNDARY CHANGE FOR SOUTHERN EXPANSION

Beginning at the northwest corner of Section Three (3), Township Four (4) South, Range Three (3) East; thence south along the section line to the southwest corner of Section Thirty-four (34), Township Five (5) South, Range Three (3) East; thence west along the section line to the northwest corner of Section Four (4), Township Six (6) South, Range Three (3) East; thence south along the section line to the southwest corner of Section Thirty-three (33), Township Seven (7) South, Range Three (3) East; thence east along the section line to the southeast corner of Section Thirty-six (36), Township Seven (7) South, Range Four (4) East; thence north along the section line to the southwest corner of Section Thirty-one (31), Township Seven (7) South, Range Five (5) East; thence east along the section line to the southeast corner of Section Thirtysix (36), Township Seven (7) South, Range Five (5) East; thence north along the section line to the northeast corner of Section One (1), Township Six (6) South, Range Five (5) East; thence west along the section line to the southwest corner of Section Thirty-one (31), Township Five (5) South, Range Five (5) East; thence south along the section line to the southeast corner of Section Thirty-six (36), Township Five (5) South, Range Four (4) East; thence west along the section line to the southeast corner of Section Thirty-six (36), Township Five (5) South, Range Three (3) East; thence north along the section line to the northeast corner of Section One (1), Township Four (4) South, Range Three (3) East; thence west along the section line to the northwest corner of Section Three (3), Township Four (4) South, Range Three (3) East, that being the point of beginning.